

Forest Hill Parents May Withdraw Children From School



Close Encounter of the Worst Kind

Patrolman Cliff Lamson demonstrates the new Doppler Radar Gun.

photo by Jack Devine

The Agawam Police Department has recently acquired a new radar gun. The "Doppler" radar gun is, according to Norm Nardi, president of the IBPU, far superior to the two other stationary models now in use. The Doppler is hand held,

allowing it to be used in either direction, and even from a moving police car. With the gun, an officer can single out one car in a line of traffic, whereas the older model would pick up the whole line.

Paid for by the town, the

new radar gun will be used in conjunction with the two other stationary radar sets the town now has. One set was funded by the federal government for use in the traffic safety car and will remain in the Traffic Division

Parents from the Forest Hill - Clover area may withdraw their children from the Agawam School System in response to the School committee's recent decision not to increase bus service to that area.

As many as five families may transfer their children to St. Thomas School in West Springfield, a spokesman for the group said.

The parents had complained that their children were walking a mile to the bus stop on South Westfield Street along poorly plowed roads since most sidewalks were not shoveled.

A proposal was also defeated by a 5-2 vote to provide temporary service to the area since the sidewalks were not cleared. Town Councilor William Herd, one of the representatives of the Forest Hill group, said that the proposal for temporary service was not good enough and that residents want increased bus service for the entire school year.

Venetta Snyder, School Committee Chairwoman opposed the motion and cited that it was more dangerous to send a bus up a narrow side street than for children to

walk down it.

Director of Business James Coon told committee members that the present policy is against sending buses up side streets since most accidents involving school buses occur while backing up or turning.

He further stated that at present, state requirements are being met and that Agawam is reimbursed approximately 75% of its transportation costs. He said that any increased service would have to be paid for entirely by the town. Coon estimated that each additional bus would cost \$12,000 per year.

Voluntary Subscriptions Available

Certain areas of Agawam and Feeding Hills have posed real problems for this newspaper in our circulation department. There are either no sidewalks or the houses are too far apart to walk or the delivery tubes have been plowed under in the clean-up operations this winter.

We want you to receive this newspaper. However, the dangers of hand-delivery make it impossible for us to utilize our carrier system.

Therefore, some areas will receive this paper only by second class mail. We cannot afford to send a free newspaper through the U.S. Post Office to everyone.

We need your support and would like to encourage voluntary subscriptions. Please send us \$5.00 for a one year mailing subscription. Include your full name, address and zip code. Please pay by check or money order. If you need a receipt, so state and one will

be sent.

Temporarily, papers will be left at several retail outlets in the area for your convenience. If a friend or relative does not receive the paper, please have them call us at 786-7747.

Within a short time, we will be contacting certain areas of the Town regarding mail subscriptions. Until then, we hope some of you will avail yourself of this surefire way of receiving this newspaper.

Citizens Alarm Message

This past week, Town Manager Peter Caputo instituted a new concept to Agawam government. The novel idea is a post card that is intended to bring suggestions or problems of the town to his attention. The card reads "As a citizen alert to the importance of continuous community improvement, I want to report (or suggest)", followed by several blank lines for ideas, suggestions, problems or any comment the citizen wants to make. The card goes on to read "I know that every suggestion may not be practical but if some of us are concerned enough to act, all of us will have living enjoyment in 'Agawam'". There is a place to note whether the citizen is a new

resident (less than one year), name, address and phone number, if the citizen wants to be contacted by the Town Manager. (Anonymous cards will also be read.)

The post card can be mailed to the Town Manager.

This is one more opportunity in which citizens of Agawam can open up the lines of communication and get the attention of the Town Manager. If you have any suggestions or ideas that you want to report to the Town Manager, don't hesitate to fill out one of the post cards and return it to the Town Manager.

Post cards can be obtained at the Town Hall or from Mr. Caputo, the Town Manager, with every handshake.

Rate Increase Requested by Local Cable TV Company

Spectrum Cable Systems, has requested a rate increase in Agawam, West Springfield, and Westfield. They cited increased costs in operation as the reason for the request. Edward Moller, general manager of Spectrum said that the company has an obligation to its subscribers to provide "high quality" service, but must also meet

its financial obligations.

Spectrum filed for the increase directly with the state CATV Commission, thus by-passing local officials. The request would raise the rate from the present \$6.50 per month to \$7.95 per month. The reason for Spectrum's by-passing local officials has been said to be what the company calls a

'hostile' attitude on the part of local governments.

Town Manager Peter Caputo and officials from the other communities involved have requested that the state delay any decision on the request until Spectrum has met its contractual obligations to the towns, namely providing full coverage by June of this year.

Mr. Caputo held a open hearing last week to obtain input from the citizens of Agawam on the proposed increase. Present at the hearing were representatives from Spectrum who claimed that the additional monies were needed to help them complete service to the areas involved.

1977-78 Fay Division Champions



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photo by Jack Devine

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Newly Opened Business in Agawam

The Telephone Systems Service Inc. has opened a place of business at 297 Walnut St., Agawam, being devoted to the sales and service of private telephone interconnect systems including correlated switchboard and key equipment for commercial and industrial use. It

was noted that the firm will serve Western Mass. and Conn.

Manager of the local office is Bernard E. Whittle of Agawam, who was employed for about six years with Intertel Telephone Corp. of West Springfield, as an installer, serviceman and also handling system design work; and for about a year with the Valley Cinema company of Chicopee.

Principal offices of the Telephone Systems company are located at 671 Hosmer St. Marlboro. President is Douglas J. Tierney.

Agawam Charter Commission Schedule

The Agawam Charter Commission has scheduled the following meetings with various appointed and elected officials of the town, together with various employees and groups in the town. Unless otherwise noted the meetings will be at the Agawam Senior Center on Wright St. each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is urged to attend.

The Schedule

- Mar. 8 - Meeting of Charter Commission
- Mar. 15 - School Committee and Superintendent
- Mar. 22 - Town Employees including Nurses and Custodians
- Mar. 27 (Mon.) - Town Council
- Mar. 29 - Meeting of the Charter Commission
- April 5 - Former Elected Officials

Three Named to Dean's List at Fitchburg

The following area students have been named to the Dean's List at Fitchburg State College for the Fall Semester: Jodine St. John of So. Alhambra Circle; Lori Raschi of Columbus St.; and Brenda Devine of Campbell Drive, all of Agawam.

Madeline Bitgood was born in Barre, Vermont and moved to this area in the mid twenties when she married John Bitgood, an Agawam native. John spent his early years working in the rehabilitation field and is now currently employed by the Springfield Electronic Coil Co. An avid woodworker, John makes much of the furniture and carpentry around the shop and home.

The Bitgood have eight children and eight is enough. The children are each successful in their own-right and,

working on arts and craft projects, the Barrientos have their hands full: they are in the process of completely remodeling and renovating their home in Feeding Hills. They have knocked out walls, put in new floors and ceilings, and put on a new addition. The effect is rapidly becoming an open air concept that transforms a small house into a spacious home which allows in sunlight and warmth.

Another project which takes a bit of the girls' spare time is their involvement in the newly formed Agawam Community Federal Credit Union.

the items in stock. As a matter of fact, the girls explained, that is exactly how they became involved in the business in the first place. They just couldn't seem to buy their supplies conveniently. They would travel from Hartford to Vermont to try to get adequate supplies. Finally, in utter desperation and frustration, Madeline said "Why don't we just open our own place so we can get what we want?" Jane agreed and offered to become a partner. With support from the husbands, the girls opened a small shop. As they got into the arts and craft movement, they learned from their customers what items and hobbies were in demand. Many of the items were new to their vocabulary but they would always try to find out as much as they could about availability and best possible uses.

As time went on, the expertise began to come and soon the girls were arranging for qualified instructors to come in to teach various courses. When enough customers would inquire, the names were taken and classes started. The enthusiasm of the students is contagious and they often come back to try new and different crafts. The classes are staggered in the mornings and evenings and are handled on an availability priority. A waiting list is not uncommon in some of the craft classes.

The most popular crafts include macrame, string art, quilting, stained glass, crewel, needlepoint and decorative painting. Where class space is a problem, the girls are able to get instructional books for the students to advance their skills.

In a casual, relaxed atmosphere, two Agawam ladies are having fun doing what they enjoy. The Agawam Arts and Crafts Shop is a friendly place to pursue your hobbies. Why don't you get involved in a new craft... it will provide hours of enjoyment and make a lovely decoration for your home. Besides you'll enjoy doing business with Jane and Madeline at the Agawam Arts and Crafts Shop.



Jane Barrientos, left and Madeline Bitgood

although they aren't sure what, the Bitgoods must have done something right as far as raising a family goes. The youngest, Tracy, is in tenth grade at Agawam Junior High School. The remaining children are grown and work in various fields such as computer programming; teaching math; farming in Montgomery; electronics technician in the Coast Guard; a doctorate teaching physiology at the University of Jacksonville; and a doctorate of genetics.

Madeline's business partner is her daughter Jane Barrientos, who is married, finishing her B.A. program in economics at Westfield State College and a talented arts and crafter. Jane has won some prestigious awards at the Big E for macrame, which she also teaches. When not

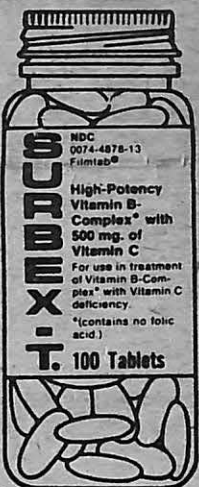
Madeline is on the Board of Directors while Jane is on the Board of Trustees. The girls are quite enthusiastic about the Town Credit Union and urge everyone to get more details.

The bulk of the time, however, is spent running a hectic schedule for the arts and crafts business. The inventory of the store is envied by most competitors in the New England area and seems to be growing all the time. The girls explained that the inventory is expanded to reflect the changing attitudes and hobbies in the craft field. As new crafts become popular, the girls try to anticipate the demand and order ahead. However, the demand in the four years that they have been in business has shown a tremendous increase and it's very difficult to always have

Business Profile:

Agawam Arts and Crafts

In this week's business profile, we would like to introduce you to the two co-owners of the Agawam Arts & Crafts, Madeline Bitgood and daughter Jane Barrientos. The business is four years old and is located at 610 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. The shop specializes in all types of art and craft and artist supplies. The inventory is as complete as any store in the Western Mass. area and often draws people from as far away as Belchertown, Palmer, Springfield and the surrounding area. The ladies are pleasant, courteous, knowledgeable and helpful. As you may have guessed, the writer of this article is one of their fans.



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SPAN: Serving the Peoples of Agawam Now



Staff of the SPAN Center relax in one of their group meeting rooms. Left to right they are: Joanne Bassin, and Ruth Ehrenberg, both counselors; Dr. Sam Femiano, Center Director; Ruth Roberts, Administrative Assistant; Barry Sparkes, counselor; and Nancy Mailloux, Secretary. photo by Jack Devine

SPAN - "serving the People of Agawam Now" is alive and well and living at 770 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. SPAN has been in operation a little over six years, and what was once strictly a drug counseling center has become a multi-faceted "community-based" counseling agency. Its purpose, according to Dr. Sam Femiano, Director of the center, is "to serve people, both adults and children. This service takes a number of forms, but underlying the

needing individual or group therapy, training or support."

Dr. Femiano, who has a PhD in Religion, is assisted by four full time counselors; Ruth Ehrenberg, Barry Sparkes, Joanne Bassin, with one position to be filled. The counselors all hold Masters Degrees and are all highly trained professionals. Ruth Roberts of Agawam, an administrative assistant, does all of the intakes (incoming clients), conducts the GED

Rap Group, for thirteen year olds and an Adult Therapy Group also meet on a regular basis. Dr. Femiano stated that most of these groups grew out of a need. The Center tries to respond to various needs as they arise. He added that the Center also runs a G.E.D. program whereby participants may earn high school equivalency certificates.

Funding for the Center comes from various sources. The Town of Agawam, the largest source of support, is concerned with the general mental health of the community. The Drug Abuse Foundation funds the drug abuse aspect of the Center, and the Mass. Department of Mental Health and the Department of Public Welfare contribute to various youth programs and programs provided for persons receiving social security assistance. Donations contribute a substantial amount to the Center's operating budget, as does a sliding scale fee. "Basically, the fee schedule will apply only to clients who do not live in Agawam, who earn an income above a certain level, and who do not have drug problems." Dr. Femiano stated, however, that "No one will ever be denied service because they cannot afford a fee. Our essential philosophy of being available to those in need has not changed."

The Agawam Citizens Organization is the parent body governing the Center. The Center's Board of Directors are: John deBonville, Assistant Director of Admissions at Western New England College; Barbara Kimball, Principal of Danahy School; Pat Perry, Bill Toller, Esther Affleck, Chris Manalokis, Bud Stockwell, and Ted Zern, all of Agawam. Along



The span Center located at 770 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. photo by Jack Devine

various forms of service are certain principles which are consistent. It is a principle that we be immediately available to our clients in moments of crisis; that we not be selective or restrictive in accepting persons who come for service; that we make referrals for persons whose needs are beyond our scope. It is a principle that we are here to help and to understand that we too are persons who are sometimes troubled and in conflict; that our own humanness is an essential part of our ability to help others...we adapt ourselves to the needs of the individual...adult or child... whether

classes, and does some counseling. Nancy Mailloux, also of Agawam, is the center's secretary.

The major areas of counseling offered at the center are: individual therapy, marriage counseling, family therapy, and drug counseling. Group therapy, according to age, has been found to be most successful by the Center. A Youth Support group is in operation for children 9-12 years of age. It is a peer group situation where children learn how to interact with each other. For nine and ten year olds there is a Play Therapy Group which is also a peer group situation. The



with the Board of Directors, there exists a SPAN Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is composed of 31 members representative of the community (parents, teachers, SPAN clients, etc.). The Committee meets every six weeks and functions in an advisory capacity to Dr. Femiano. Membership to this committee is open to anyone with the time and interest in the Center. Persons wishing more information on this Committee should contact the Center.

Dr. Femiano stresses that "all of the services provided at the Center are Confidential and no information can be given out to anyone without permission of the client". A statement taken from a Center News Bulletin sums up the Center's purpose: "The Center subscribes to the 'philosophy that people are responsible for their own lives and our role is to assist them to assume that responsibility. Unless a person can stand by herself or himself in living his or her own life, that person will be unable to effectively use help. Our role is to assist people to take responsibility for their own lives. In a sense, our goal is to render ourselves obsolete."

Registry's Early Opening Discontinued

Registrar of Motor Vehicles Alan Mackey announced today that as of March 3, 1978 the Springfield Registry Branch office will no longer open early for license renewals. Mackey said that lack of public response was the cause for discontinuing the earlier opening time. The office was opening at 8 a.m. instead of 8:45 a.m. for license renewals only but, beginning Monday, March 6, the office will not open for any business until 8:45 a.m.

Cancer Society Seeks Volunteers

The American Cancer Society is in desperate need of volunteer drivers to transport cancer patients to and from radiation therapy treatments. Patients are all ambulatory, but need transportation or they might miss vital treatments. If you have an hour or two a week to volunteer, please call Transportation Chairperson Esther Lucia at 567-7478.

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The next hypertension clinic will be Tuesday, March 7 for names starting with letters A-L.

Menu Week of 3/6 to 3/10

Monday: Manicotti, zucchini, chocolate cake, juice
Tuesday: Chunky beef soup, rolls w/cheese, ice cream and homebaked danish

Wednesday: Veal cutlet, scalloped potatoes, corn, jello

Thursday: Sliced turkey roll w/gravy, noodles, spinach, fresh fruit

Friday: Tuna salad, spanish rice, rolls, custard

We are looking for a volunteer leather craft teacher. We have lots of soft leather and many anxious pupils. Please give us a call!

We still have a few seats left on our trip to the Mt. Holyoke Museum and flower show, and the fabulous lunch on the Riverboat. Price \$12.00.

Easter Seal Drive

"Pitch in a Buck for Bobby" is the theme of this year's Easter Seal Society Bar Banner Fund Raising campaign, and according to Satch Melikian, area Chairman, the campaign is in full swing.

Nancy Spaman, daughter of Gerald and Marilyn Spaman of Springfield was the guest of honor at the Bar Banner kick off at Sibilia Inc., owned by Emilio and Sylvio Sibilia. Nancy is the 1978 Western Region Easter Seal Child. The Western Regional Office of the Easter Seal Society serves the four counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire, and Franklin.

Beginning now and continuing throughout March the public is being asked to donate \$1.00 at any of the hundreds of participating bars throughout the state.

Sarop "Satch" Melikian, Assistant General Manager of Sibilia Inc., 82 Kelso Ave., West Springfield, is the Chairman of the Schlitz Bar Banner Campaign in this area for the Easter Seal Society. All Schlitz salesmen will be participating in this endeavor.

Melikian, in urging community support cited some of the local Easter Seal services for the physically disabled of all ages. Western Mass.

disabled children and adults have participated in Easter Seal Society rehabilitative services, camping, swimming, bowling, awareness days, adult clubs, educational and recreational projects.

New programs this year include two stroke clubs, which are social, support groups for people who have had strokes and a COSC program which graduated 22 young area high school students trained to babysit for children with special needs.

For further information contact Renee Westcott, Western Region Service Office, 380 Union St., West Springfield.

Agawam Food Co-op

The Agawam Food Cooperative is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing the consumer with an alternative to supermarkets by offering high quality food at the lowest possible price in a very congenial atmosphere. The Food Coop has been in existence since April 1976, originally operating from the basement of a church. Since then, we have increased our membership to nearly seventy families and have made the transition to a storefront location at 495 Springfield St., Agawam, in the Hollow Pine Shopping Center.

The Coop offers you the very freshest produce, a wide variety of cheeses, flours, grains, nuts, dried fruits and many other natural foods. The Coop also orders products from Arnold Bakers, State Line, Coca Cola, natural bakery products from Reza, poultry from Maiden Valley Poultry Farm in Feeding Hills, a large selection of choice meats from Butcher's Corner and much more, all at a substantial savings over supermarket prices.

In order to further spread what we feel is a good thing we are going out of our way to welcome the general public to this non-profit, cooperatively run food source which offers so many pleasing advantages. Everything in stock at the Coop is available to all persons as non-members with no obligation or you can choose to become a member which will entitle you to further savings.

Either way, please come in and see for yourself how this Coop operates and all you can buy as members or non-members at the Agawam Food Coop. Coop hours are, Thursday 3-6 p.m., Friday 1-4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Left to Right: Charles T. Grucci of West Springfield, Ken O'Neill of Sibilia, Inc., and Nancy Spaman, Western Region Easter Seal Child.

Students Attend Distributive Ed Conference

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

On Friday, February 17, eleven juniors and seniors from Agawam High School attended the Regional Distributive Education Conference which was held at the Colonial Hilton Inn in Northampton. Six high schools and a total of 125 students participated in the conference.

Of the eight events held throughout the day, the Agawam students placed in five of the categories. The students were judged in their specific areas of endeavor.

On the Master/Employee level, Junette McCarl, a junior, placed 3rd in Advertising Services, while Lisa Torre, a senior, won 4th place in the Finance and Credit class. Also, Carol Eggleston placed 3rd in General Merchandising, while Kathy Williams took 4th place in the Food Services Master category. Both Miss Eggleston and Miss Williams are juniors.

On the Manager/Owner level, Charlene Ciak placed third, while Audrey Benson won 4th place in the Food Services category.

All of these events consisted of testing in three areas. They were, math exam, oral exam, and a role in problem solving situations. All of these tests were related to each participant's specific competitive area.

The top four students placing in each category are eligible to attend and participate in the Massachusetts Distributive Education State Conference to be held March 17-19 at the Marriot Hotel in Springfield.

The Distributive Education group acts as an introduction for students to occupations and careers, such as marketing, advertising, selling, crediting, and budgeting. The Advanced Distributive Education student's project is the Agawam High Student Store, which is well-known throughout Western Mass. for its sale of health foods.

The group began selling the health foods last fall.

Mr. David Skolnick is Director of the Distributive Education group at the high school.

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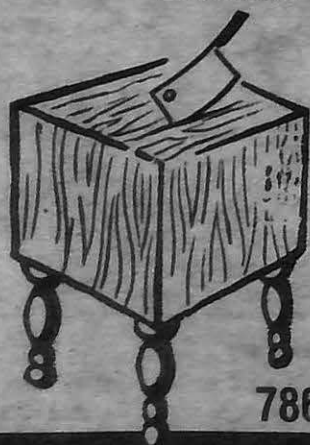
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Editorials

People have been very supportive of this paper, for the most part. They evidently believe, as we do, that the people of Agawam will read hometown news and will be delighted to get it. The news may not be earthshattering but it is local. Your neighbors, clubs and organizations in town do a lot that goes un-noticed...unless it appears in these pages. A small group always seem to know what's going on, but the rest of us must read about it.

We may not be as thorough as some would like; we may not be as political as some would like; or cover the sports as well as some would like, but we are only a few weeks old. It should be apparent that we will try. We will attempt to get the news to you. Please bear in mind that no one is as critical of this paper as we are. We know that there are typos, crooked lines and mis-spellings...but it is news, and it will get better.

Right now, we consider ourselves lucky because we have put out five issues. The last three have been on consecutive weeks. We have already lasted longer than some would have guessed.

Now we come to the point of this editorial: for this paper to survive, we need your support. We aren't trying to run this for any one person, but for you-all of you. In return we don't believe that we are asking too much for you to do your part. Send in your news and advertising. If we have to go out and pry it out of you, we will. But this must be a community project for us to remain sane.

Finally, if you do read this paper, tell someone. Tell your merchant. Tell your friends. Tell us. For this paper to be effective someone has to know you are reading it.



It's Amusing

by Bob Guevin

Running a newspaper isn't easy. Why I haven't even polished my golf clubs yet. No putting on the living room rug and worse yet I've had to pass on my regular poker night. If I had known it was going to be this tough...

I had always thought that I was a classic deadline worker. It always seemed that I could be stuck in a situation and be unable to put it together. Then the deadline would be upon me and suddenly all the details would just fall into place. I always attributed this to being able to deliver when the chips were down. A "friend" of mine has suggested another possible (probable) explanation: as deadlines come closer, I simply lower my standards and accept less. Consequently meeting deadlines becomes easy. Interesting. I wonder if we've developed another "Peter Principle"?

The quiet you hear is the proverbial lull before the storm. Soon, like neighborhood kids picking up teams for a sandlot baseball game, sides will be taken, positions chosen and teams formed. Only this game will be played for economic survival. Many of the area businesses are beginning to raise questions about the effects of the Master Plan and how the new zoning proposals will affect them. The proposals aren't new but the concerns are beginning to surface. Meetings are taking place and more are planned. Each side is organizing their thoughts and positions. The next few weeks or months should see some sparks fly. If the distant rumblings prelude the main event, things could become very lively in a short time. More later.

My younger brother seems to be getting the blame for this column. He tells me that I had better learn to write or put in a disclaimer. He says that the family has known about me for some time but now that we've gone public, he is innocent.

ABOUT THIS SERIES...

In the coming weeks, the AGAWAM Advertiser/News will be spotlighting various town officials. We began with the new Town Manager and are now featuring a member of the Town Council each week. We hope to eventually cover all Departments in town and thus hope to enlighten our readers and perhaps help them to become more familiar with their system of government and its members.

Dennis Roberts

an interview with Dennis Roberts by Pat Guevin

"Government as a career...either elective or appointive"-this is Dennis Roberts' ultimate goal. For the present, the youngest Town Council member is receiving some valuable experience as he represents his constituents in Precinct 6.

Roberts, a 1975 graduate of Agawam High is a junior at AIC, majoring in Political Science and Public Administration. To finance his education, he is employed as "Front Manager" at the Agawam Big Y Supermarket.

Only twenty-one years old, Dennis is no newcomer to the political scene. He first ran for the Town Council when he was a Senior in high school and lost by a mere 50 vote margin. He has served two years on the Board of Appeals, and has been involved in political campaigns on the state level.

Roberts pointed out that it is difficult being a new Councilor. He said that there is a lack of readily available information and that new Councilors must "dig to get answers". He credited some of the experienced Council

The Connelly Report

TEC IS ADMITTED...



A key that could unlock the door to one of the most massive cases of apparent corruption in the taxation department was admitted to the House of Representatives last week.

The key is legislation calling for a Tax Enforcement Commission, headed by a special prosecutor and armed with subpoena and immunity powers.

The door is to the Department of Corporations and Taxation where reports of apparent abatement sprees, special favors and vanishing computer printouts have surfaced.

The House action on the commission became imperative when employee stonewalling prevented the development of evidence necessary to justify criminal proceedings by the governor and attorney general.

The Tax Enforcement Commission, consisting of five unpaid members, will be appointed by the governor from nominations by special interest groups and selected educational institutions.

If you're one of the many, many taxpayers that have to scrimp and save to pay taxes, the practice of allowing other people with friends in right places to avoid paying taxes must be shocking to say the least. Need we say more about the importance of a Tax Enforcement Commission?

THE BATTLE OF THE BOTTLE...

A 'red hot' issue that must be faced is the development of a comprehensive solid waste program in Massachusetts.

The question of the direction we should take is now, and will be one of the most debated on Beacon Hill.

With most of our sanitary landfills nearly full, and the trend in most communities showing that residents are unwilling to accept new landfills, an alternative measure must be found.

Foremost in any discussion is the bottle bill (House Bill 2182).

It's not a new issue. Two years ago voters rejected a bottle bill proposal, but the margin of defeat was only 20,000 votes out of 2.5 million cast. Proponents considered this margin to be a 'normal victory'.

The bottle bill seeks to provide an economic incentive for consumers to return used beverage containers, by requiring nickel or dime deposits on cans and bottles containing beer or soft drinks.

They note the states of Vermont and Oregon as examples of how successfully this plan is working. Members of the House and Senate who testified before the Energy Committee differed sharply on the issue, with the strongest criticism concerning the loss of jobs.

They, in turn, presented an alternative; namely the Litter Reduction and Materials Recycling Act (Senate Bill 814).

This act would create a general fund by imposing a tax of \$150 per \$1 million "gross proceeds" upon all manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers in Massachusetts whose merchandise and by-products are found in litter and in the bulk of municipal solid waste.

In addition to using the collected funds to improve litter control techniques, the monies would support a Youth Litter Corps, which would employ jobless youths in litter control.

Proponents single out the state of California as an example of how well the plan works.

There are other plans perhaps not quite as well known or widely discussed. Regardless of anyone's preference, a decision must be made.

That Massachusetts must develop a solid waste program is the conclusion with which few disagree.

members with being extremely helpful and willing to share their knowledge with their new fellow Councilors.

Roberts is most concerned with what he feels is a lack of communication between the government and the people it governs. "The barriers must be broken down between the government and the people", he said. Roberts added that when people have a problem with the town, they should



From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



30,000 Attend Meeting

At a recent public hearing called to discuss a rate increase request by a local cable T.V. company, 30,000 people were in attendance. The auditorium of the Jr. High was not large enough to hold the throngs of people. Citizens were forced to stand in the lobby, trying desperately to get inside. A massive line leading from the public address system to the rear entrance snaked through the aisles. Citizens stood anxiously in line awaiting their turn to air their opinions on the subject.

Wouldn't that be a thrilling sight! Unfortunately, the truth to tell, only seventeen people attended that open hearing last week-three Councilors, three news reporters, two photographers, three cable T.V. representatives, the Town Manager and FIVE citizens. Another example of the great minority getting involved.

The public hearing was called so that citizens who had any input on the proposed increase could be heard by the Town Manager, who is asking the State CATV Commission to delay any decision on the matter until Spectrum fulfills its contractual obligations to the Town. Perhaps those citizens in Agawam who receive cable services are content with the rate increase. If the recent open hearing were the only input Mr. Caputo gets from the town's people we would suspect he might be inclined to "O.K." the rate increase. If people choose to use some other means to communicate their feelings to the government, then perhaps an "open hearing" is a waste of time and tax money.

Some people have suggested to me that these "open hearings" serve no concrete purpose, and therefore are not attended by the majority. Why don't these people view the open hearings as productive? Or is it that the people Agawam don't wish to participate in planning their Town's future?

What Mr. Caputo heard were not, I hope, the only comments from citizens on the issue. I give those three people who spoke credit for voicing their thoughts. But what of the others? Is no one else concerned enough to speak out? I wonder why people do not, as I was told by a Councilman, "attend these things"? Are they aware of the meetings? Perhaps more publicity is needed. Perhaps the Town needs to do more than merely post notices on the bulletin board at the Town Hall. Most people are, after all, at work during the hours the Town Hall is open, and therefore do not get a chance to read the bulletin board. Now that we are a weekly newspaper, I feel we offer the perfect opportunity for the town government to publicize its activities.

While I'm on the subject of getting more people involved with the government in Agawam, I would like to also suggest that a different seating arrangement for the Council members during Town Council meetings might be more conducive to public participation and attendance. The present arrangement, with their backs turned to the audience, is less than desirable. Lets see your faces fellows!!

Letters to the editor

will be accepted

for this page.

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bring the situation to the attention of their elected officials. By not doing so, "people become antagonistic towards the government" when, in fact, "elected officials can't act unless they are made aware of the problems."

Roberts believes that "precinct representation is important...local government is the most responsive because it is closest to the people." He stated further that "you have to relate to the people you live with and near."

In order to make people aware of his concern, and to strive for better communication with his constituents, Roberts plans to conduct a door-to-door canvas this summer in order "to meet people and break down barriers", adding that he is always available to listen to people's thoughts and problems. He wants input from the citizens and stated that anyone wishing to contact him could leave a message at the Town Hall-he will return all calls.

When asked what he perceived as his major goal for this year, Roberts commented that it would have to be acceptance by the town of the Master Plan now being presented for consideration by the Planning Board. Roberts said, "I definitely feel we need it (the Master Plan)...we need a good grip on the development of Agawam... If we're not careful, our growth will outdistance the services we can afford to provide." He stressed the need for "planned growth of the business sector and the residential sector of Agawam."

Also high on his list of priorities is the retention of the town's valuable agricultural land. Roberts noted that since there is not much agricultural land left in Agawam, action must be taken immediately to preserve what remains.

Dennis Roberts' future plans include Graduate School and he hopes to pursue a Masters' Degree in Public Administration. Roberts wants a career in government service and is certainly well on his way.

Obituaries

Lena Abys

Lena (Trema Latera) Abys, 95, of 21 Virginia St., widow of John Abys, died Friday, March 3, in Noble Hospital, Westfield. Born in Italy, she lived in Agawam 12 years. She leaves a son, Robert of Milton, N.Y.; a daughter, Emily L. Milici of Agawam; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was held Monday, March 6, at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in St. Anthony's of Padua Church with burial in St. Charles Cemetery, Long Island, N.Y.

Alva H. Pearsall

Alva H. Pearsall, 74, of 44 Wilson St., retired toolmaker for the American Saw Co., died Wednesday, March 1, in a Chicopee nursing home. Born in Bellows Falls, Vt., he lived in Agawam 60 years and was a member of the Elm Lodge of Masons. He leaves his wife, Lydia (Menard) Pearsall; a son, Alva H. of Falmouth; a daughter, Majorie Hynes of Albany, N.Y., and five grandchildren. Private funeral services were held last week at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, West Springfield, with burial in Blandford Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to St. David's Episcopal Church, Agawam, or to the American Cancer Society.

C. Manson Shaylor

C. Manson Shaylor, 85, of 143 School St., retired builder, died Wednesday, March 1, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Stanley, Iowa, he lived in Agawam 66 years and was a 65-year member of the Agawam Congregational Church. He also was a member of the Agawam Historical Society, Retired Men's Club of Trinity Church and the Agawam Senior Citizen's Pool Club. He leaves his wife, Doris (Johnson) Shaylor; a son, Douglas of Barnstable; a daughter, Jean Wilson of East Longmeadow; a sister, Julia Clark of North Haven, Conn., and seven grandchildren. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 4, at Agawam Congregational Church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. The Agawam Funeral Home is in charge. Donations may be made to the Agawam Congregational Memorial Fund.

Florence Ross

Florence (Watt) Ross, 89, of 196 Walnut St., retired employee of Wico the Prestolite Co., Division of Eltra Corp., West Springfield, died Sunday, February 26, in a local nursing home. Born in North Adams, she lived in Agawam most of her life, and was a member of the North Adams Baptist Church. She leaves three sons, Leslie Ross of

California, Carlton Ross of Huntington, and Richard Ross of Northampton; two daughters, Ellen Tisdell and Margaret Ross, both of Agawam; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. The funeral was held Tuesday, February 28, at Curran-Jones funeral home, Agawam, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery Springfield. Donations may be made to the First Church of Christ Congregational in Springfield.

Joseph McBride

Joseph McBride, 70, of 349 Pine St., retired employee of the Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies, Windsor Locks, Conn., died last Monday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Ireland, he lived in Suffield, Conn., for many years before moving to Agawam 37 years ago. He leaves four sons, Joseph F. of Enfield, Conn.; Robert S. of New Hartford, Conn., and High A. and Martin E. both of Agawam; a brother in Australia; two sisters in Ireland and four grandchildren. The funeral was Thursday at Nicholson Funeral Home with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, both of Suffield. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Julia S. Feeney

Julia S. (Mitchell) Feeney of 93 Senator Ave., widow of Peter B. Feeney, died Tuesday at the home of a daughter, Louise F. Uhlmann, in Hollywood, Fla. Born in Canada, she lived in Holyoke many years before moving to Agawam five years ago. She was a member of Holy Name Church, Springfield, and a charter member of Bath Institute in New Brunswick, Canada. She also leaves three sons, William of Canada, Henry J. of East Longmeadow, and Raymond P. of Enfield, Conn.; two other daughters, Marie F. LeClair of Springfield and Celein F. Draghetti, with whom she made her home; a brother, William J. of Hollywood; four sisters, Annie T. Fahey of Springfield, Agnes LeBeau of Treasure Island, Fla.; Frances Hurley of South Hadley and Odenia Conway of Holyoke, and six grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

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This Week's Young Businessman



photo by Jack Devine

Jeff Hill

Eleven year old Jeffrey Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill of Lealand Avenue is this week's Advertiser/News "Young Businessman of the Week".

Jeff is a sixth grade student at the Agawam Middle School. Presently, Jeff's favorite pastime is playing hockey. He plays right wing for the "Agawam Tusken Raiders", the Agawam Hockey Association's 8-10 A Team - currently in first place in their division.

In the summer, Jeff plays baseball and also enjoys swimming and bike riding with his younger brother, Darrin.

Jeff's delivery route includes Monroe, Elbert and Central Streets; Raymond Circle and South Park Terrace.

The AGAWAM Advertiser/News salutes this industrious young man and thanks him for his conscientious work, and wishes him much success in the future.

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The James P. Heady Kiddie-land Zoo will open its '78 season on April 16th, weather permitting. Anyone interested in volunteering one or two mornings a week may call the Zoological Society office Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 733-2251.

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They went to the Silver Carriage Inn for dinner and stayed to enjoy the music... (left to right) Sylvia Cardone of Agawam, Robert and Marie Chesley of Manchester, New Hampshire; and John Cardone of Agawam. The Cardones operate Medical Personnel Pool of Springfield, and the Chesleys run Medical Personnel Pool of Manchester.

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Disc Jockey Phil Lewis of Westfield, assisted by Ken Ciocci, played music of the fifties and the sixties while those attending enjoyed dance and bubble gum blowing contests.

Carriers Needed

The Agawam Advertiser/News is looking for a carrier for a newly established route.

The route will cover Brookline Avenue, Belvedere St., and Carriage Manor Apartments in Feeding Hills. We are also looking for backup carriers in the Springfield St., Feeding Hills area and for the Suffield-Mill Street Area. Any person interested in these positions should call the office weekdays from 9-5 at 786-7747.

Jr Women's Art Auction

The public is cordially invited to attend an art expo and auction this Saturday evening, March 11th, in the Community Room at Baystate West, Springfield. Sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, proceeds from the auction will benefit the club's scholarship and general philanthropy funds. The collection will include original paintings, prints, engravings, and sculptures, with prices starting at \$20.00.

Marlin Art, Inc. will also provide an oil painting to be raffled during the evening. Works may be viewed at a preview to be held at 8 p.m., with the bidding to begin at 9. Admission is \$1.00 and advance tickets may be obtained from club members or by contacting Mrs. Rita Bluteau, 172 North Street, At Agawam.

Golden Agers

The next meeting of the Agawam Golden Agers will be held at Meadowbrook Manor on March 8 at 1:30 p.m.

A "Country Store" sale will be the project of the day. Nominations for new officers will also be held.

Wilson-Thompson

Post to hold

Dinner Dance

On Saturday, March 18, the Wilson-Thompson Post 185, American Legion, will hold a benefit dinner dance at the Post on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. A dinner of corned beef and cabbage will be served from 6-8 p.m. followed by dancing from 8 to midnight.

The event is being held in memory of Bernard Belcher, a past Commander and Life Member of the Post. In the past, Mr. Belcher and his wife were in charge of this annual event for Post members and members of the bowling team from Leeds Hospital, Northampton.

Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased from any Post member.

Music in Our Schools

Darcy Davis, Music Director announced that this week is being celebrated as "Music in Our Schools" week. He explained that this is a national program aimed at promoting and spotlighting music in our schools.

In celebration of the week, the Elementary Bands, under the direction of Sally Lowell, are inviting parents and friends to attend a series of open rehearsals to be held throughout the week.

The schedule is as follows: Monday - James Clark School 1:15 p.m.; Tuesday - Granger School, 2:15 p.m.; Wednesday - Robinson Park School, 2:15 p.m.; Thursday - Danahy School, 1:45 p.m.; Friday - Phelps School, 1:30.

The public is invited to attend one or all of these rehearsals. Booklets explaining the music program in the Agawam School system will be distributed.

Granny Fanny

Senior Citizens in Agawam may be interested in a new show entitled "Senior Highlights" on WMAS radio on Sunday mornings. The show, which features the character of "Granny Fanny" focuses on Senior Service announcements, recent events, legislation concerning the elderly and interviews with experts in various fields.

The half-hour show can be heard on WMAS FM - 94.7 on the dial at 8:30 A.M., and on WMAS AM - 14.50 on the dial at 10:30 A.M.

Fall Date for Craft Show

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam announces the date for their annual "Fall Festival of Crafts" to be held this year on Saturday, October 7, at the Social Hall of St. John's Church. Any area craftsmen interested in the show may contact Mrs. Claude Ouellette, of 94 Florida Drive, Agawam.

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Easter Seal Coffee Day

Coffee Day chairmen are asking that residents of their community look for participating restaurants from March 6th through the 17th, buy a Coffee Day button and join them for a free cup of coffee on Coffee Day, March 17.

Coffee Day Chairmen from the Agawam Police Department are Romeo Borgatti, Acting Chief and Sgt. Stanley Chmielewski.

Coffee Day is a two week event conducted before the Easter Seal Telethon. Designed to acquaint the general public with the programs and services of the Society and to enlist financial support for their contribution. The Easter Seal Society provides programs and services for physically handicapped people of all ages. Since 1944, the Society has been helping individuals show their ability to grow and develop as happy, useful people. Through social action and therapy, and through recreation, swimming and camping programs, the Society helps improve the quality of life for people with physical disabilities.

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Attending the Yukon Derby are: back row-Robert Rzewnicki, District commissioner; Jerry Lupin, S.E.; Bob Andry, Cub Master of Pack 77. Front Row-Danny Crafts, EMT (I) and Smokey Vollere, Vice Chairman of the Knox Trail District.

Nature Photographers Workshop

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, is holding an afternoon workshop for nature photographers on how to prepare slide presentations on Saturday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

The instructor, John M. Green is an interpretive naturalist and working for the U.S. Forest Service. His photographs and slide/music presentations have been shown at numerous wildlife conferences throughout New England.

The "Slide Presentation Workshop" will concentrate on the mechanics of setting up a program. The audience, equipment, program formats, and special techniques are various topics to be discussed.

Adult Day Care Center Planned

The Agawam Senior Center plans to open an adult day care center. This will be primarily a social program for elderly who need supervision during the day. It is intended to benefit the lonely senior as well as those families who are solely responsible for the care of a mentally or physically handicapped elderly person.

The Center can provide a safe, stimulating environment, supervision, activities and rest periods. Two snacks and a wholesome, balanced hot lunch will be served. Participants can stay in the program as long as they choose. Hours will be flexible to suit the needs of the individual. The Center is open from 9-4, five days a week.

If you have a friend or family member who could profit from this service, or if you would like additional information, please call Mrs. Taeger at the Agawam Senior Center, 786-8451.

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The New Energy Code and Insulation requirements for Industrial Buildings; also Trends in the Metal Building Industry are some of the comments that will be offered by Mr. Raymond M. Vincunas, Vice President, of the Edward J. O'Leary Company, Inc. of Holyoke, Mass.

We welcome guests and we particularly invite women employed in related construction companies to join Chapter #115 of Greater Springfield, Mass.

Singles Unlimited

Singles Unlimited will be holding a dance at the Willow Glen, East Longmeadow on Sunday March 12, from 8:30 to 12:30. All Single, divorced, separated and widowed people are welcome.

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This & That

by Steve Berard

Cub Scouts from Agawam, Westfield and West Springfield all had a great time as they took part in the Yukon Derby held in Woronoco. The winter carnival offered many events to the different packs such as snowball throws, iceberg pulls, and dog sled races. In the words of Robert Andry, chairman of the event "The kids had a ball!"

The Feeding Hills Polish Club on Southwick Street, will welcome an old favorite, Happy Louie and his band to their club on Sunday, March 19th from 4 to 8 P.M. The ever popular Louie and his band will strike up some of the old tunes in a dance the club is sponsoring. Tickets are \$3.50 in advance and \$4 the day of the show.

The Agawam Garden Club will begin their 1978 season next Tuesday, March 14 at Captian Charles Leonard House at 7:30 P.M. This meeting is open to the public and children are welcome. During the meeting, Mrs. Kenneth Waite will show color slides of "Irises, New and Cultured Species."

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Agawam Lions Club Supper



The Lions Club of Agawam will hold their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper, Wednesday, March 15, at the Agawam Middle School. The serving period will be from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. that night, the

cost of the meal will be \$3.25 for adults and \$1.95 for children under 12. So why not go out and have a nice supper and support the Lions who so much help the community in many ways.

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Sports

Agawam in Division II Finals

In the first game of the tournament the Agawam Brownies narrowly defeated Chicopee Comp 7-6. Coach Sapelli indicated that he was pleased to have won the game. Another total team effort brought the Brownies on top after the final buzzer sounded. The Brownies jumped into the lead early with goals by Jim Dow and Dave Vanasse and kept the pressure on throughout the game with additional goals by Gary Malanson and Jim Dow. Kevin Murphy handled the Comp Colts, being tested on several occasions, he made 37 saves.

In their semi final game against Pittsfield, Agawam had to fight back from a 2-0 deficit early in the game. Goals by Marc Yacavone brought them back 2-2 before pulling ahead 4-2 midway

through the second period with goals by Paul Couture and Alan Hardina. Pittsfield came back to the game in the third period but a great play by Jim Dow and Alan Hardina gave Agawam the decisive goal and a well deserved victory 5-4.



photo by Jack Devine

Ron Dutton made the save of the game when Pittsfield's top scorer had a breakaway but was stopped by Dutton in the final minutes of the game.

"All year long we've been able to come back after the opposing team gained the momentum; the kids knew they could do it", commented Coach Sapelli after the game.

The finals will be on March 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the West Springfield Coliseum. Come on out to the game and cheer the Brownies to victory.

by Lou Guevin

Other colleges sending teams include the University of Arizona, the University of California at Davis, California Polytechnic Institute, Cornell, Skidmore, the University of Virginia, and Xavier University of Ohio, the last two year's champion.

About 40 players, 25 grooms and 35 horses are expected to come to Somers to participate in the battle for the John R. Townshend Challenge Cup.

"Intercollegiate competition is tough and the games are especially exciting because the players have only a few years to make it to the top," says Shallowbrook owner, Hal Vita, who coached University of Connecticut teams to their consecutive championships. "There's no 'professional' polo for these guys to move on to, so they really fight for this trophy," he explained.

Horses will be provided by East Coast teams, to be shared by all players, and stabled on area farms.

Housing for visiting teams is being arranged by a twelve member Hospitality Committee chaired by Friendly Ice Cream President, S. Presley Blake.

Four nights of play are scheduled: Saturday, March 12, Tuesday, March 14, Thursday, March 16, and Saturday, March 18.

The 7 p.m. games will be preceded by half hour demonstrations of polo play and fouls.

There will be two games a night, except for the March 18 championship bout, which will follow a precision drill by Shallowbrook students.

Tickets are \$4.00 March 12, 14, and 16, and \$6.00 for the championship. Tickets are available at the gate or may be purchased at the Raffol Insurance, 430 Main St., Agawam.

Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Last fall I hunted for wild turkey for the first time. Either sex could be taken. Vermont has been very fortunate in seeding a strain of bird that has taken hold and propagated to phenomenal numbers. Over 2,000 turkeys were harvested the fall season. I was not successful but the thrill of the hunt was very exciting.

Vermont has set the spring wild turkey season. It will feature sixteen consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday in May (May 6-21), with daily shooting hours 5-11 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) and a bag limit of one wild turkey with BEARD.

The hunting zone is as follows: bounded on the north by routes 125, 100 and 103; on the east by the Connecticut River; on the south by the Mass. State Line; and on the west by the New York State Line.

A shotgun using only number 2 through 8 shot or a bow and arrow with head at least 7/8 inch wide having two or more cutting edges are the only legal means for taking a wild turkey in Vermont. Rifles and handguns shall not be used or carried by anyone hunting turkeys.

Also prohibited are the use of dogs, electronic calling devices, bait, live decoys and gang hunting or cooperative drives.

You must carry a wild turkey permit issued by the Fish & Game Dept. for this season. The permit may be obtained by applying to TURKEY-State Wildlife Laboratory, Roxbury, Vermont 05669. Furnish your full name and complete home address with zip code in addition to the number and letter on your Vermont hunting license. Don't forget the letter after the number on the license.

If you are successful, attach the tag (filled out with the necessary info) to the turkey. The fully feathered carcass of the turkey shall be taken within 24 hours of the kill to a game biologist, warden or other person authorized by the Fish and Game Commissioner to examine the turkey and make reports.

What Minority?

A record 60 million Americans spent close to \$318 million on State hunting and fishing licenses in 1976.

Both figures are record highs and they show that Americans continue to find hunting and fishing major pastimes. One of every five Americans enjoys the outdoors this way. The figures represent an increase of \$23 million in State sales and 500,000 in license holders over 1975.

California led the Nation in sales of fishing licenses with 5.8 million. Closest runner-up was Michigan with 1.6 million sold.

Pennsylvania led all states in the nation last year in sales of hunting licenses with 1.9 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps sold. Michigan, New York, Texas, and Wisconsin ranked just below. Montana had the distinction of being the most frequently visited state by out-of-state hunters. Over 127,000 non-resident permits were sold there.

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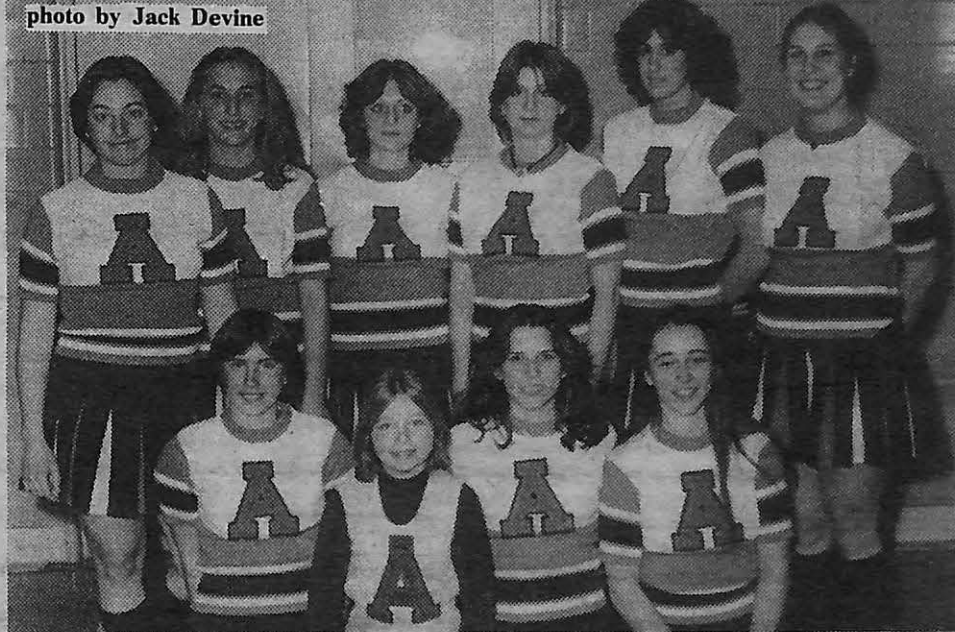
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National Inter collegiate Polo Tournament

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From New England will come representatives of the University of Connecticut, whose team captured championships in 1971, 1972, and 1973, Yale and Harvard.

photo by Jack Devine



The Agawam High Varsity Cheerleaders at a recent basketball game. Back row from left- Pat Quill, Lisa Frigo, Lue D'Alma, Kathi D'Alma, Pam Grasso, and Lisa Losito. Front row-Valerie Balboni, Lara Smith, Laurie Moriano, and Patty Decosmo.

Sacred Heart

Athletic Association

Baseball /Softball

Sign-ups

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association, under the direction of Fr. Paul Burns, announced recently the dates for youth baseball and softball sign-ups. The registration is mainly open to Athletic Association members, and last year's members will have priority over newcomers. Due to the recent growth of the Sacred Heart AA, there will be limits this year to the number of children who can be registered in each league. The Athletic Association encourages the return of players from last year, if age permits. However, they cannot guarantee a place in any league to any youngster not signed up during the regular registration periods.

Registration dates for baseball and softball are Saturday March 11, 1-3 P.M.; Sunday, March 12, 2-4 P.M.; Saturday March 18, 1-3 P.M. and Sunday, March 19, 2-4 P.M. A fee will be charged for registration on the dates above. Registration for the league will be accepted only on these dates.

The registration will take place at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1059 Springfield St., in Feeding Hills.

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association is based on the fair competition and teaching of organized sports among youngsters, and is required to generate its own revenues, separately from parish funds.



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Girls Varsity Wins Valley Wheel Crown

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by Dan Maruszczak Jr.



The Agawam High Girls Varsity Basketball Team (left to right) Edwyna Stefanik, Virginal Cassidy, Lee Harvey, Ann Benerakis, Kathy Chase, Elaina Granger, Coach Bauer, Barbara Landers, Karen Tyburski, Wendy Ober, Janet May, and Lee-Ann Mercadante.

The Agawam High Girls Basketball team finished their regular season play last week with an excellent 14-6 record, giving them a quarterfinal berth. This year, the girls captured the Valley Wheel crown for the third straight year.

The team's top scorer for the year was guard, Wendy Ober, who averaged 13 points per game. Behind her was senior forward Karen

Tyburski, who averaged about eleven points per game.

Barb Landers, who holds the other starting forward position, led the team with her superb all control and fancy passing throughout the year. Virginia Cassidy, the 5'6" Brownie center, will be back next year, as she is presently a junior. The other starting guard position is held by LeeAnne Mercadante.

The Brownies Girls Basketball team was led under the superb coaching of Karen Bauer, a former Springfield College field hockey and basketball star.

The Agawam High Girls Basketball team is presently a third-seed Division I hopeful for the Western Mass. tournament title.

Wilson-Thompson Post 185

For the fifth straight year, Wilson-Thompson Post 185, American Legion wins award for 100% membership, chairman George Brown announces. As of March 1st, the post has 250 paid up members. The award will be given at the Country Commanders Banquet on Saturday, March 25th at Chicopee Post 452.

Post 185 will raffle a Moped to raise money for their Legion Baseball Program. The post is well represented in Hampden County under the watchful eye of James Denver, chairman and a Legion department Vice Commander of the state. Post 185 takes this opportunity to thank Jerry Mason, the Riley's staff and coaches, and the Agawam-West Springfield Elks for their support of last year.



SUNRISE SWIMMERS...Each day youngsters from West Springfield and Agawam journey to Springfield Boys Club and Carew Hill Girls Club to participate in this United Way of Pioneer Valley agency's Sunrise Swim program. Among them are left to right: Jill Cloran, Phil Bulter, Nicole Dickman, all from Agawam, and Gina Zarlengo from West Springfield.

Yukon Derby Officials (back row from left) Robert Rzewnicki District Commissioner; Jerry Lupin, S.E.; Bob Andry, Cub Master of Pack 77. (Front row) Danny Crafts, EMT, left; and Smokey Vollers, Vice Chairman of the Knowx Trail District.

Girls Cap Successful Season

by Steve Berard

scorers were Debbie Cheetam, Shari Balderelli, and Laura Gendron. The Coach, Toni Veronisi said she thought it was a very close knit team with a lot of moral support-especially from player Leslie Strong, who had hurt her knee early in the season and couldn't play. Still she managed to go to all the practices and games to

cheer the team on.

Although the team's five starters were ninth graders, next season's team is expected to do just as well with the many fine eighth grade players they have. Hats off to these hardworking girls who put much time and effort into an absolutely super first season and the best of luck in the future.

Agawam Little League is Alive and Well

The Agawam Little League is a charter member of Little League Baseball Inc. Agawam has three divisions as well as an instructional age group, 6-7 years old; minor league ages 8-10; major league, ages 10-12; and senior league, ages 13-15.

All games are played at the School Street field with the minors playing on Saturday mornings, and the majors and seniors playing at 6:00 week nights.

The league operates under official Little League rules. Each boy must play in every game in the field and at bat. Full uniforms are provided for each player. The league is fully insured for any mishaps-there are no waivers to be signed. Tournaments are played outside Agawam at the end of each season.

Registration fees are \$5.00 for the instructional and minor divisions, and \$6.00 for the major and senior divisions.

Sign-ups will be held on Saturday, March 4, and Saturday, March 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Phelps School on School Street. For further information, please call Jerry Sibilia, 786-7443; or Charlotte Venturini, 786-8160.

Camp Positions Available

Mr. Wayne Seane, Director of 4-H Camp Howe, Inc., Goshen, Mass. will interview potential camp counsellors on March 4th and 11th throughout the four Western Counties. Camp counsellors must be 16 years old or over and will assume responsibility for cabins as well as assisting Senior staff with programs.

Interviews will be held at the following locations: March 11th, West Springfield - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., at the Hampden County Extension Service, 1499 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

March 11th, Northampton, from 1:00 p.m. at the Hampshire County Extension Service, 33 King St., Northampton.

Camp counsellor applications and appointments for interviews may be obtained by contacting the Hampden county Extension Service, 4-H office, Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, at 736-7204.

Interviews will also be conducted on March 4th for those in the Pittsfield and Greenfield areas.

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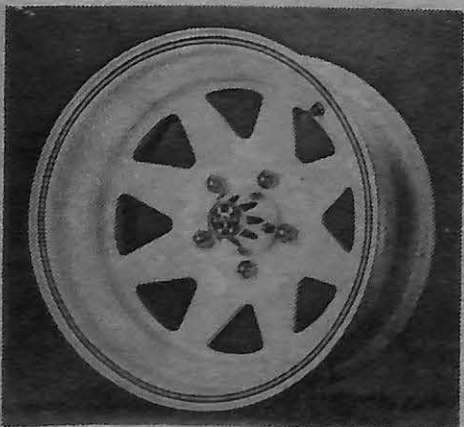
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Wed., Mar. 8 - Curls macaroni in hamburger and spaghetti sauce, fruit slaw with peanuts, Italian bread and butter, peach jello with peaches in whipped topping, milk.
Thurs., Mar. 9 - Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, whole wheat bread and butter, vanilla pudding with whipped topping, milk.
Fri., March 10 - Filet of Haddock sandwich, in roll, tartar sauce or ketchup, buttered niblet corn, applesauce, ice cream sandwich, milk.

Menus for the week of March 13 - 17

Mon., March 13 - Sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce and mayonnaise, fresh carrot sticks, cranberry sauce garnish, pudding with shipped topping, milk.
Tues., March 14 - Pizza with cheese and hamburger topping, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and French dressing, ½ peanut butter sandwich for seconds, chilled pears in syrup, milk.
Wed., March 15 - Salisbury steak with ketchup, steamed parsley rice, buttered Mexican corn, bread and butter, applesauce with topping, milk.
Thurs., March 16 - Oven roasted turkey in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, rye bread and butter, peach crisp, milk.
Fri., March 17 - Leprechaun lemonade, meatball grinder with tomato sauce, chopped broccoli with lemon butter sauce, St. Patrick Day cake with green icing, milk.

Real Estate

Forecast

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By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by WILLIAM H. BENDER and DORIS D. BENDER to BEN-MORRIS CO., dated March 20, 1975, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4111, Page 312, of which the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction, on the premises known and numbered as 48 Clifton Drive, Agawam, Massachusetts, on Thursday, March 30, 1978, at 3 p.m., all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"the land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot #41 (forty-one) on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 40; Page 78, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows: SOUTHERLY by Clifton Drive, Eighty (80) feet; WESTERLY by Lot #42 (forty-two) on said plan, One Hundred Twenty-five (125) feet; NORTHERLY by Lot #44 (forty-four) on said plan, Eighty (80) feet; and EASTERLY by Lot #40 (forty) on said plan, One Hundred Twenty-five (125) feet. Being the same premises known as No. 48 Clifton Drive in said Agawam. Subject to easement rights granted to Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company under instrument dated August 12, 1952, recorded as aforesaid in Book 2191, Page 435. Subject to the rights of the Town of Agawam in said Clifton Drive under instrument dated March 29, 1954 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2306, Page 488. Being the same premises conveyed to Mortgagees by deed of Robert J. Nooney et ux dated October 15, 1970 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3541, Page 513. Subject to a mortgage to the Community Savings Bank dated October 15, 1970 and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3541, Page 514."

Terms of Sale: One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid in cash, certified check, or Cashier's check, by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, balance within ten (10) days after approval of the sale by the Massachusetts Land Court, AT THE OFFICES OF Wolfson, Moynihan, Dodson & Keenan, 390 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, Attorneys for the Mortgagee. Any other terms will be announced at the sale.

Dated this first day of March, 1978.

BEN-MORRIS CO., a Partnership under the Uniform Partnership Act
Present holder of said Mortgage
By: Ben Cohen, Partner

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 11, 1978

Art Auction
sponsored by the
Agawam Jr. Women's Club
8:00 P.M.
Community Room, Baystate West

MARCH 10, 1978

Agawam High
Basketball Banquet
6:15 P.M.
Agawam Junior High School

MARCH 15, 1978

Lions Club of Agawam
Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper
5 P.M. - 7 P.M.
Agawam Middle School

MARCH 17, 1978

Miss Pioneer Valley
Scholarship Ball
6:30 P.M.
Silver Carriage Inn

MARCH 3, 4, 10, 11 & 12 MARCH 18, 1978

Agawam Repertory Theatre
"Witness for the Prosecution"
7:30 P.M. (Mar. 12 8:30)
Yankee Pedlar Opera House
Holyoke

Wilson-Thompson Post 185
Dinner Dance
6:00 P.M.
Post 185 Springfield Street
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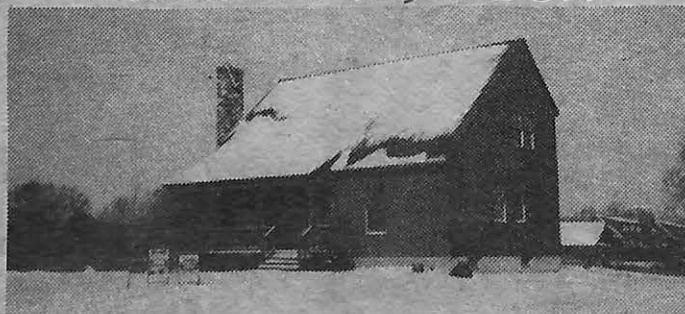
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